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Senate Joint Resolution

No. 3

Introduced by Senator Aanestad

*(Coauthors: Senators Cogdill, Cox, Denham, Harman, Maldonado,
and Wiggins)*

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 3—Relative to the *federal* Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 3, as amended, Aanestad. *Federal* Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000: extension.

This measure would urge the 110th Congress to reauthorize ~~or extend~~ *and fund* the *federal* Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, From 1908 to 2000, counties in the United States
2 received 25 percent of the revenues generated on national forest
3 lands in lieu of lost tax revenues that could have been generated
4 had these lands remained in private hands; and
5 WHEREAS, In the 1990s, the volume and value of timber
6 ~~harvesting~~ *harvested* on national forest lands was dramatically
7 reduced, which lead Congress to enact the *federal* Secure Rural
8 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, which
9 provided a six-year guarantee payment option that was independent
10 of the revenue generated on the national forest lands; and

1 WHEREAS, The Secure Rural Schools and Community
2 Self-Determination Act of 2000 ~~expired, as extended by the United~~
3 ~~States Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and~~
4 ~~Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110-28),~~
5 ~~will expire on September 30, 2006~~ 2007, ~~creating which would~~
6 ~~create~~ a lapse in funding to critical programs in schools and
7 counties across the United States, including California, *in the*
8 *coming years*; and

9 WHEREAS, Rural schools are dependent on federal
10 revenue-sharing programs, including federal forest payments, for
11 maintaining vital educational services and programs, and to ensure
12 an equitable education for all students; and

13 WHEREAS, Many of California's county public works programs
14 will be crippled without *stable, predictable, long-term* funding
15 from the act, causing the local road network to suffer long-term
16 degradation and putting communities at risk for public safety
17 emergencies due to cuts in staffing and operational activities; and

18 WHEREAS, A number of efforts are being made in both the
19 United States House of Representatives and the United States
20 Senate to ~~extend the act for the short term and~~ fully reauthorize
21 the act through ~~2013~~ 2011, and the Legislature strongly supports
22 these efforts; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
24 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature of the State of California
25 respectfully urges the 110th Congress to reauthorize ~~the~~ *and fund*
26 *the federal* Secure Rural Schools and Community
27 Self-Determination Act of 2000 to provide a long-term, stable
28 source of funding for schools and counties to maintain vital
29 programs *prior to September 30, 2007, to avoid any interruption*
30 *in county services and school operations*; and be it further

31 ~~*Resolved, That in the absence of a long-term reauthorization of*~~
32 ~~*the act, the California Legislature urges the 110th Congress to pass*~~
33 ~~*a short-term extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community*~~
34 ~~*Self-Determination Act of 2000 to provide immediate funding to*~~
35 ~~*counties and schools, while the Congress continues to debate a*~~
36 ~~*long-term policy; and be it further*~~

37 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
38 this resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to
39 the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and

- 1 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
- 2 States.

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